













WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1876.

acts of 1861 had not contained provisions proclaiming temporary reserves, it may be asserted that the reduction of the payments would have been tenfold greater than it has been. These reserves, which once led Mr. Rousharsen down suddenly from the pedestal of his popularity, and are still the great cause of offence to some of our states of class legislation, have been the life of the pastoral revenue.

led to another cause of the reduction of value from leases under appraisement, namely, the large extent to which the owners are taking up land under pre-emptive leases. Mr. FITZPATRICK says that on Murrumbidgee and Lachlan, there is a run on which the lessee has not leased tens of thousands of acres, and so secured the right to a pre-emptive lease over the times the purchased area. According to GARRATT, the squatters are exercising that right to the extent that

When the Amending Land Bill was under discussion last year, he stated that the end of 1874 the area under prelease was 7,790,107 acres, of which 4,905,717 acres were held by conditional purchasers, and 2,884,390 acres by others; whilst 1,550,000 acres were sold during that year. 930,000 acres were sold at auction or conditionally purchased during 1875, it is to imagine that the area under prelease has also been enormously extended.

that a very considerable proportion of the rural leased land has been undergoing a revision of tenure. This change, it may be understood, is likely to have taken place on the best portions of the pastoral country. The lessees may be credited with having made their purchases and secured their leases with judgment. And in this way so far as the land under appraisal is concerned, "the plums have been out of the pudding." It would be interesting to know what was the average

fixed rental of the lands thus converted  
pre-leases. The pre-lease rental is three  
pounds per acre, against a farthing and  
one-half as the average for the whole area  
appraisalment. According to Mr. GALEST  
quarters are willing to pay the increased  
because it is a fixed one, and in con-  
of the fact that a pre-lease cannot  
be given out of a pre-lease. But if the pre-  
lands are in any sense picked lands,  
it is not follow that the fixed rental is so  
above the rest, and will

above the rent paid for them under  
 assessment; and the regard toxiety indi-  
 rather the fear that in these cases re-  
 cesses might produce an increase. If they  
 not picked lands, and the present fixed  
 really much higher than the old ren-  
 appraisalment, then this wholesale con-  
 of tenure has helped to keep up the  
 -gate pastoral revenue in the presence of  
 se influences. But it will hardly be con-  
 that this wholesale conversion was  
 mpleted in 1861 by the supporters of the

Acts, though the taking of the plums of the pudding was foreseen by their agents.

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It can hardly be feared that the crime of placing obstructions on railway lines will become a common one in any civilized country, but the experiments in this direction have recently been attempted both in England and in Victoria sufficiently show that although there may be no great

For amusement, there is every reason to believe that the ground for vigilance against a danger of this kind is increased by the fact that in one or two instances the obstructions placed on the lines have looked more like a private scheme on the part of adults than of reckless mischief on the part of children. It seems that at Footscray, near Melbourne, an attempt was made last week to lay a train off the line by placing stones on the rails over a viaduct; and in connection

the Wallend railway, as our readers are aware, a similar attempt was made a few days ago in a way that indicated both a diabolical cunning and a carefully-conceived design. It can hardly be disputed that the creature was equal to the task of attempting to up-train is equal to anything in the whole range of villainy. The Red Indians of the West have been found to be equal to a criminality of no common order, but a crime of this kind has usually been found to be too inhuman for

of even their pretensions. There  
 courties that are usually held to be safe  
 keeping of the extremest of madmen  
 the most advanced of criminals. Hap-  
 culprits who are equal to the  
 of taking life, even without provoca-  
 and without the inducements of  
 are usually unequal to the  
 of attempting to stop a railway train,  
 sending it over a viaduct. And it is to  
 soul of goodness in the worst of things  
 that, the tens of thousands who spend

is not pleasant to realise how recklessly  
beings are in a hundred ways  
each other's mercy. It causes a shudder  
think how easily the thoughtlessness  
a wreath or the freak of a maniac  
create a railway disaster that would  
terror throughout a community. The  
want of moral sense and of human

which usually lives in the degraded of human beings has, however generally found to be ample ground against the dangers which our present mode of railway travelling has tended to multiply. There is probably no ground for pretending that the dangers of travelling by railways will ever be greater than they are at present, and in this colony at least the dangers have been reduced to a minimum. The apparent disposition of certain individuals here and there to tamper with our

ny lines is quite sufficient to warrant a look-out on the part of the authorities. A maximum penalty which the law of this country attaches to the crime of wilfully and maliciously attempting to upset a railway train or of attempting to endanger the safety of a railway traveller is imprisonment with hard labour for fifteen years. This, it must be remembered, is the penalty attached to the mere attempt to upset a train. If the attempt should succeed and a train be overturned, the consequences would,

course, be chargeable with murder, and the  
al verdict of society would unquestionably  
it under no circumstances could murder be  
revolting. It may be questioned whether  
this penalty is equal to the enormity of  
crime to which it is attached. It has  
found, however, that it is the  
nity of punishment rather than

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**A SAFE AND CERTAIN FORTUNE.**  
J. JONES and CO have been favoured with instructions from the Proprietors to dispose of, by private treaty,  
**THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL,**  
together with the extensive and unquestionably valuable  
**FREEHOLD AND (a full half-acre), upon which**  
erected the Hotel, splendid range of stables, large house, &c.

The **FREEHOLD** (with title direct from the Crown) half an acre of ground, one portion of which—66 feet—from Charlotte-street, and owns a depth of 168 feet—

block, of equal proportions, fronts Helen-street, runs parallel with Charlotte-street, and is destined to become the most fashionable in this city.

THE HOTEL, well and faithfully built of the best material, occupies a frontage of 40 feet to Charlotte-street (the main street), and is 54 feet deep. Within it is comprised—a parlour, 27 feet long; extensive bar; billiard

room; dining-hall, 27 x 31 feet; six bedrooms. Bath, store, and spirit rooms outside; and adjoining are 14 rooms, with verandah 10 feet deep, kitchen and see kitchen, stabling, loose boxes, pigeon and fowl-houses, closets, &c., &c.

The position of this magnificent property is admitted to be the best in Cooktown. The receipts range from £20 £1,000 per month.

Perfectly satisfactory reasons can be adduced for valuable property being placed up in the market.

Very liberal terms, with respect to purchase, may be obtained by principals in the matter, who alone will be treated with.

Full particulars can be obtained by application to proprietors, Messrs. MAYON and REARDON; or Messrs. J. JONES and Co., Auctioneers, Gloucester.

**FOR SALE, HOTELS**, all parts of the city and suburbs, from £90 up to £6000. Assistance given to approved purchasers. Apply to T. BUTTS, 129, King Street, for cards to view. No charge unless sale effected.

**FOR SALE**, a very snug **HOTEL**, in city, trade, 4 lease, 3 years; rent, £2; incoming, £230; tenanted; 20 guests.

**FOR SALE**, in a district not affected by drought  
floods, an established **STORE BUSINESS**,  
requiring small capital and yielding £1500 a year net.  
JOHN BRIDGE, Circular Quay

**BOARDING-HOUSE** for SALE: position central

**T**OBACCO CONIST Shop and Business for SALE, in  
trade; position AL. J. PRINGLE, 137, Pitt-  
**M**ILLINERS and Dressmaking Business for SALE  
stock at valuation; old estab. J. Pringle, 137, Pitt-

**GIBSON'S HORSE and CARRIAGE BAZAAR**  
Established over 20 years.  
Livery and let out Stables. Horses, Buggies, and Harness always on SALE or Hire.  
**E. MANDELSON, 232, Pitt-street**  
**BUGGIES! BUGGIES! WAGGONS! CABS!**

The largest, cheapest, and best assortment in the colony  
Buggies, £26; Waggon, £26; Spring-carts, £18, at  
ROBERTSON'S  
STEAM COACH AND BUGGY MANUFACTORY  
Pitt-street, near Haymarket.  
N.B.—Country visitors are invited to inspect the works

**H**ANDSOME Bay Carriage HORSE, £40; Bugzy HORSE, £18; stylish town HACK, £15; Spring Van HORSE, £16. E. MANDELSON, Gibb's Street.

**A** MERICAN BUGGIES, and HARNESS. Bar  
Moxham, and Co., Importers, 60, Clarence-street.  
**P**ONY for SALE, quiet, suit lady, gentleman, or  
also Saddle and Bridle. M. HOLROYD, of  
Westeyan Church, Stanmore Road; or 320, Geo.  
street.

**F O R P R I V A T E S A L**  
**BULLION.**  
For positive sale, by order of the executors in the estate  
of the late Mr. Justice Cheke.  
**T. S. CLIBBORN and CO.** have been instructed

the executors in the estate of the late Mr. Justice Chel  
offer for private SALE,  
BAY COLT BULLION, 3 years.  
by Millionaire (imported) out of Clove, by Magus  
ported) out of Clove (imported), by Sweetmeat out  
Hybla, by The Provost. (See General Stud Book, v  
pp. 168, 279.)  
Now on view at Fennell's Bazaar, 246, Pitt street

**BASKET PHAETON**, carry four, Horse and Harness, £10 lot; Abbott's Tray Buggy, £20. KNIGHT.

**H**OODS Sociable, £35; Hooded Phaeton, £30; Light Cart, £15; Light Gig £12; Double Buggy, £14.  
**S**INGLE Buggy, fast trotting Cob, and Harness, £12; Spring-cart, £12; Buggy Harness, £3. KNIGHT.  
**H**EAVY Draught Stallion, £50; thoroughbred Stallion, £50. KNIGHT, 257, Castlereagh-street.

**A** SPLENDID Buggy HORSE, for SALE. Apply to  
GRIBBENS, Farrier, Elizabeth-street N.

**F**OR SALE, 2 HORSES, Cab and Harness, all  
new. 5, Queen's-place.

**W**ANTED, good light SPRING-CART, with  
without harness. Apply 130, Pitt-street.

**THE HAWAIIAN TREATY.**

*(From the Alta California.)*

It is singular that Congress should find it so difficult to decide whether our country shall meet the proposition of King Kalakaua for a reciprocity treaty with a fr

answer an asset. The Island King came over the coast to see us, and he was welcomed and treated kindly and generously. It was partly because he behaved handsomely, and, although the head of only a small nation, he possessed the feelings and tone of a gentleman, and an excellent intellect. He sent his ministers to negotiate the treaty, and went back to his little kingdom, leaving behind pleasant memories in the minds of all those who met him.

His little monarchy needs the friendship of our republic; his subjects need the benefits of our market, and it was for them they might obtain such a market on reciprocal terms if the treaty was negotiated.

We can scarcely think that the opinion of Mr. De Wells, who decided against the treaty upon the ground that the revenue, ought to weigh with Congress more than all other considerations, is lost in this treaty, and that

firmation. Confirming it, we take the little Island King into our family, if not as a son or daughter born in yet somewhat as a son-in-law or daughter-in-law is accepted as a new member. We hope and expect to be henceforth on good terms with Great Britain—no more wars, no blockade runners, no difficulties which may not be satisfactorily settled by arbitration, that mode of adjustment.

much cheaper and better and more satisfactory than  
and all their terrible consequences. But we are not  
of such continued and desirable peace. In case of war  
Great Britain, we should desire and need intimate rela-  
tions with the little Hawaiian Kingdom because of its posi-  
tion out there in the broad Pacific.

Great Britain, nautically expressing it, is close about  
us. She is great, extensive, numerous in New Zealand

Australia, Fiji; and the Sandwich Islands would compensate her a chain of possessions from the great southern island-continent to British Columbia. In possession of the Sandwich Islands, with their harbours and bays in the Pacific, keeping, she would have us by the hair, holding the Pacific by a line of occupation from Victoria to Melbourne. It is not to our interest that the Sandwich Islands

Naturally we have the first claim. But we do not desire to annex the little kingdom. We do desire that it shall be annexed or conquered by England or any other Power. All the benefits derivable from it can be secured by confirmation of the treaty, which gives a portion of people a market, which is sorely needed, since their for-  
dependence, the whaling business, has deserted them.

The opinions of our naval and military officers agree with this question, and have given expression to their views. They look upon the question as military men, not as merchants or traders of a single city or state. The effect of the treaty might bear disadvantageously upon the business of a few of our people, while it would be beneficial to others. It opens up, or enlarges trade that cannot flourish and prosper in a single port. But the greatest benefit would be to our country.

national character. The Sandwich Islands are as an  
 living redoubt, the United States being the main force.  
 In the possession of an enemy, it could be made to do us  
 immense amount of injury. Our policy would seem to  
 not to desire annexation, but to bind the Govern-  
 ment and people of Hawaii to us by reciprocal inter-  
 and alliance of trade and commerce which would effectually

The New York Herald gives as one of its reasons why the treaty should be approved by Congress that it would prove a popular one with the people of this side of the continent, and so would tend toward strengthening our attachment to the Union. It thinks that the great barrier of the Rocky Mountains would

make it comparatively easy for us to assert and maintain our independence with the assistance of a foreign Power. The view, so far as the writer and journal are considered, is patriotic and correct. But we can assure *Herald* and the country that there is not a State in American Union more attached to it, and less inclined to desire separation from it, than California. And we add the other Pacific States and Territories. One of

strongest reasons why we desire the confirmation of treaty is that it would most certainly strengthen the Union while conferring a reciprocal benefit upon Kalabau subjects.

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expeditions during night

erect his homestead thereon, and will improve it  
 2. The conditional purchaser who simply desires  
 to be located on a certain tract of land, and who  
 a permanent home thereon, will not, and cannot  
 be allowed to build a homestead, and will not reside on  
 section one day or one hour beyond what the law has  
 to demand from him. Such residence is beneficial  
 to the sector not to the country.  
 3. That as the residence is superior to the  
 one class of cases, it is nugatory to the other class  
 is, therefore, useless as to both.  
 4. That if the residence condition were of the  
 monopoly of large tracts of the waste lands of the

5. The temptation to neighbours to spy and inform to the Government, and to the consequent removal of the residents from the neighbourhood, and the great improvement of the moral character of the community.

6. An immense amount of correspondence an clerical work would be saved to the Lands Department if the changes proposed.

7. As in the present condition, and the duties of the land commissioners would consist chiefly in the fulfilment of the improvement conditions, and in reporting to the inspectors. In every instance a report would have to be made to the inspectors, and this report alone should form the ground of all proceedings at the Courts of Inquiry.

8. As in the event of the change advocated by the land commissioners, either singly, or assisted by a *surveyor*, could deal decisively with the improvement connected with improvements, the Minister for Lands would be relieved of the necessity of receiving reports and appeals relating to the realisation of the improvements, which now draw his attention from his other duties.

9. The Ministerial office than the decision of such cases, whether a flying-pan or a residence in the enjoyment of home-ride residence, or whether home-ride residence or a flying-pan, and the decision on the chamber properties usually considered as regular civilised homes.

I am, &c.,

5th May.

**WORKS AT THE CIRCULAR QUARTERS.**

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Mr. Young, in his letter of the 10th inst. writes to me, on one-sidedness, as he terms it, in persons who are not in the position of the Circular Quarters. I am glad to hear that the Circular Quarters are well placed up beyond all doubt before I leave it. I will, if you and Mr. Young's permission, publish his letter in the *Standard* and *the Herald* to show that Mr. Young would no doubt, wish to avoid this

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ies, a further check was

hours a sort of public prosecutor to the department of  
Sears and Rivers. I invited Mr. Young to show me  
respect I overlooked the plans of the late Cor-  
Gowland, as he asserted, and referred him to a  
work of exactly the same character, that he  
was not to be surprised if he found the same  
failing to do so, would have had the embolden-  
error, but find that in supposing him to possess that  
I credited him with that in which he is decidedly  
not. I have no doubt that the late Cor-  
Gowland's plans were overlooked, I am com-  
designate as a misstatement No. 2.

Mr. Young goes on to remark, in italics, that  
the department of Sears and Rivers. Department  
are suggested at all from persons outside the de-  
partment, and that the only probable conclusion to be drawn  
from the facts, is that the plans were executed by the Har-  
rington River Department have been overlooked, and  
justifying a general assent. This is an amusing spe-  
cies logic, he first states his premises, which are true  
and then proceeds to draw a conclusion, which is  
I think most of your readers will wish to know  
when the Windsor and Richmond Railway was  
of the hands of my friend the Engineer-in-  
charge of the project, and that the result of the  
experiment was not a happy one; ever since then  
but one feeling on the subject, and that was  
that the mistake had made. I am  
Mr. Whitbourn, who was in charge of the  
railway at Yara were opposed, and another  
new was called in by the misadventure to  
the project, and he came and executed  
half, I think I am correct in saying that the  
still-a-doing projects for the railway are many  
of Mr. Young's statement, therefore, that the Har-  
rington River Department have overlooked, and  
of anecdotes, may I think, be said that

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Department of Harbours and Rivers.  
I am, Sir, your very obedient servant,  
E. O. MORRIS.

Sydney, May 16.

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A SECOND CABLE.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

SIR,—You have published, in one of your last week's letters on the establishment of a telegraphic cable between Australia and America. According to this letter the cost of the new line would be only \$1,000,000.

These are estimates right, and the minimum of interest, 5 per cent., giving \$50,000; we might say it would be a very cheap line; for, besides America and England, there are other countries which could be connected to New Caledonia, Fiji, Honolulu, &c., which rates would be paid to them in certain proportions amount of interests to be paid.

I am, yours truly,  
May 15.

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INCREASES OF SALARIES TO CIVIL SERVANTS.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

SIR,—It has been repeatedly stated in the Legislative Assembly that in the institution of the Government place certain salaries on the additional or Supplemental Estimates for 1876, at an increased rate. Now, I must declare that such a measure might be prevented and justice done those officers who have granted an increase last year without their fault, and those who have had an increase fortunate or favoured enough to have had an increase last year and former years were taken into consideration. Surely it will be the duty of the Government to do so, and will object to their fellow officers being treated in a manner to themselves.

I remain, Sir,

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## AUCTION SALES.

Postponed to THIS DAY, in consequence of the inclemency of the weather.

Consignment Sale of Superior Household Furniture and Effects, comprising—  
Pianos, Drawing-room Suits, Four Glasses, Iron and Wood Bedsteads, Bedding, Carpets, Chest Drawers, Washstands and Sinks, Kitchens, Stoves, Engravings, Ornamental Bagnette Table, Kitchen Utensils, and a quantity of Cedar Bards, &c.

**ALEXANDER MOORE and CO.** will sell by public auction, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, at the Mart, Pitt-street, the above.

**GRINDING YOUNG HOTEL**, with Bar, Fixtures, and 3 Cottages adjoining, situated Bullanshine-street, W. Waterloo.

**H. VAUGHAN** has received instructions to sell by auction, on THURSDAY, 1st June, at 12 o'clock, on the above property. Title, residue 99 years lease, ground rent 10 per week. Terms at sale. Without reserve.

Important Unreserved Auction Sale of ORIGINAL PACKAGES WOOLLENS, CLOTHING, MANCHESTER GOODS, HATS, STUFFS, WATERPROOF GOODS, &c.

Ex all the recent arrivals.

**TO-MORROW (THURSDAY) and FRIDAY** next, 18th and 19th instants, at 11 o'clock each day.

To Warehousemen, Drapers, Clothiers, Stockkeepers, and others.

**CHAS. MOORE and CO.** are instructed to sell by auction, at their Rooms, 167, Pitt-street, (Thursday) and FRIDAY next, at 11 o'clock each day.

1145 packages of new goods, just received, viz:—

1183-1224 dozen fancy hats, assorted.

11-45 ladies' super cloth coats, assorted.

211-20 pieces super black silk.

632-1 case fine French muslin, new colours.

1-1 ditto ditto.

3512-21 pieces fine French merinoes, new colours.

381-50 ditto ditto.

1092-22 ditto window holland, buff, green, and white.

3923-3 ditto black president cloths.

3924-3 ditto black president cloths.

3924-1 bale same.

3924-1 ditto.

3924-4 pieces black president.

10-4 ditto check harem-cloths.

1-18 ditto fancy W. of E. coverings, assorted.

3-21 ditto ditto.

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## WEDNESDAY, 17th instants.

BOOTS and SHOES. BOOTS and SHOES. To Boot and Shoe Dealers, Country Storekeepers, and others.

**MR. M. MOLONY** is instructed by the Importers to sell by auction, THIS DAY, 17th instants, at 11 o'clock, at the Mart, Pitt-street, an invoice of new and valuable goods, now landing, comprising—

Women's cashmere, S.H. wine.

Ditto-lace, p. h. t. and wings.

Children's 2-5 patent straps.

Girls' 7-10 patent straps.

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## ELEGANT and VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE.**

**W. PRITCHARD** has received instructions from the Executors of the late James Hunter, Esq., in consequence of his projected departure from the colony, to sell by public auction, on the premises, 120, Phillip-street, on TUESDAY, 23rd instants, at 11 o'clock sharp.

The whole of the import household furniture, consisting of—

DRAWING-ROOM SUITES, including

100 TABLES, DINING TABLES, SIDE TABLES, &c.

MARBLE-TOP CHIFFONNIERS, PLATE-GLASS BACK

MASSIVE PIANOFORTE (IRON FRAME)

SILVERWARE, PLATE-GLASS BACK

DINING-ROOM SUITE

BRONZE FENDERS and IRONS

MASSIVE BRONZE and MARBLE TIME-PIECES

BRUSSELS CARPETS and OILCLOTHS

LUSTRES, VASES, STATUARY, and other

SUPERIOR ORNAMENTS.

BRASS PICTURE, LIBRARY, & BEDDING

HANDSOME BEDROOM MIRRORS

WARDROBES, CHESTS, DRAWERS

MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS and SETS

HANDSOME HAND-PAINTED CURTAINS and

BLINDS.

GLASS PLATE-GLASS BREAKFAST and DINNER SERVICES

PAINTER-MACHINE TRAYS, FILTERS

NAVIGATING, GASOLINERS and FITTINGS

MASSIVE IRON-TOP STAND

OILCLOTH and BELL LAMP

CROCKERYWARE and KITCHEN FURNITURE

PATENT MA. GILKIN and LAURENCE TENSILS.

The above sale is worthy of the attention of persons desiring to obtain really first-class furniture, as the whole will be sold without the slightest reserve.

Catalogues are in the hands of the auctioneer, and further particulars will be advertised in a few days.

Under instructions from Messrs. R. Towns and Co.

**JOHN G. COHEN** will sell by auction, at Towns's Wharf, on THURSDAY next, May 25, 1876, at 11 o'clock sharp.

The following consignments, comprising—

1 large tubular boiler, with fire doors, bars, steam chest, and mounting complete.

1 4-horse engine.

4 large rollers, with chains and counter weights.

1 small ditto ditto.

1 1-horse engine.

3 1-horse engines, with a lot of old dies.

3 roller in mill.

2 closing bolts.

2 steam boiler pans.

2 small meat presses.

2 pairs guillotine.

2 pairs saws.

2 rolling mills.

1 reaming machine.

Wooden wagon blocks, &c.

Amril and black.

4 horses XXXX cobs, including, 191 x 191.

14 ditto XXX cobs, 20 x 14.

19 ditto XXX cobs, 20 x 14.

91 ditto XXX cobs, 20 x 14.

11 ditto XXX cobs, 20 x 14.

6 pressing lathe, with steam coils, &c., complete.

1 small bath ditto.

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